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Undeterred by bombings Massive, orderly turn out reported in Spanish elections

BARCELONA, June 15 (R). - Undeterred by a wave of bombings and leaflets, Spaniards queued at polling stations today in the first general elections since...



SPANISH ELECTIONS -- Santiago Carrillo, Secretary General of the Spanish Communist Party, casts his vote, Wednesday in the first free elections to be held in Spain for 41 years. (AP wirephoto)

Abu Odeh denies Stone carried U.S. plan for Palestinian government

AMMAN, June 15 (R). - In a statement today, Senator Abu Odeh denied reports that he had carried a U.S. plan for a Palestinian government...

New political parties will be allowed in Egypt

CAIRO, June 15 (AFP). - New political parties will be permitted in Egypt under certain conditions in accordance with a law voted today after a bitter debate in the People's Assembly...

Soweto students all for strike

ANNESBURG, June 15 (R). - An African youth shot dead, apparently by police, today, drew a second African youth to township's Meadowlands riot...

Libya asks Arab League to convene summit on July 20

CAIRO, June 15 (R). - The Libyan Jamahiriyah (formerly Libya) today formally asked the Arab League to convene an Arab summit in Libya next month to discuss the Palestinian question...

Jordan supports Yemeni call for Arab summit

SANAA, June 15 (R). - Jordan and the Libyan Jamahiriyah (formerly Libya) today told the Yemen Arab Republic they support its call for an Arab summit to discuss the problems facing the Arab World...

Commonwealth summit charges Idi Amin with violating human rights

LONDON, June 15 (R). - Heads of the Commonwealth wound up an eight-day London summit today with unprecedented charges against a member state, accusing President Idi Amin of massively violating human rights in Uganda...

With Israel building roads in Lebanon PLO fears military strike is imminent

BEIRUT, June 15 (R). - Palestinian officials today expressed fears that an Israeli military strike was imminent in southern Lebanon. The road works... are in preparation for an Israeli military strike expected at any moment...

On basis of U.N. resolutions Assad: Syria ready to end state of war with Israel

DAMASCUS, June 15 (R). - President Hafez Assad of Syria said last night his country was ready to end the state of war with Israel provided that Israel implemented United Nations resolutions...

Under the patronage of His Majesty King Hussein on the occasion of his Silver Jubilee THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE & YOUTH THE DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL LIBRARIES, DOCUMENTATION AND ARCHIVES is holding THE FIRST JORDANIAN BOOK EXHIBIT On June 17-21, 1977 At the Palace of Culture, Al Hussein Youth City. Open Invitation.



# Cities organisation to establish itself here

AMMAN (JNA) — The fifth anniversary of the Arab Cities Organisation has been celebrated in Amman as the organisation's permanent bureau, Dr. Amel Abu Jaber, a member of the Jordanian delegation to the conference, said Wednesday.

Dr. Abu Jaber, who is Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Commerce at the University of Jordan, said the Rabat conference debated the most important problems facing Arab cities, and in particular migration from rural areas to cities.

The Permanent Bureau will side the loans to be given Arab cities after the election

of the Administrative Council of the Development Fund for Arab Cities, which will have a budget of 5.5 million Kuwaiti dinars (JD 5 million), Dr. Amel Abu Jaber said.

He hoped that Jordan would get the necessary loans for development projects in Amman.

## Cabinet eases regulations at Port of Aqaba

AMMAN (JNA) — The Cabinet has decided to allow imports of timber via the Port of Aqaba without prior permission from the harbour department. The measure comes after port congestion was overcome through the arrival of a new floating berth and the enlarging of the harbour stores.

The cabinet decided to prolong the time limit to 45 days before a fine is imposed on goods that arrive at the port before the arrival of their vouchers and clearance papers. The limit was previously fixed at 30 days. The decision also follows productivity increases at the port.

It also approved a JD 8.3 million loan agreement with the Japanese Economic Cooperation Fund for the Wadi Arab irrigation and dam project.

The cabinet authorised Jordan's ambassador in Tokyo to sign the accord on behalf of the Jordanian government.

## STUDENTS CAN NOW SIT EXAMS IN PAKISTAN

AMMAN (JNA) — Jordanian students studying in Karachi and Lahore universities, who are now in Jordan, can now return to Pakistan to sit for their exams.

The Jordanian Cultural Adviser in Pakistan, in a telegram to the Ministry of Education, said the Karachi University exams for students who were unable to sit because of the recent events in the country will start on June 18. Exams in Lahore and University will start on June 20.

## SYRIA DRILLS FOURTH WELL AT FREE ZONE

DAMASCUS, June 15 (JNA) — The Syrian Water Supply Company has started to drill an artesian well between the Syrian village of Nsoub and the Jordanian village of Jaber in the Jordanian-Syrian Free Zone set up at the borders of the two countries.

Three other wells have already been drilled in the region. Their output will reach 2,000 cubic metres per day, Syrian official sources said today.

With the four wells, there will be sufficient water to meet the domestic and industrial needs of the free zone, the sources continued.

## Potash export berth to be built in Aqaba

AMMAN (JNA) — A technical committee was formed Tuesday to work out the designs for a special berth at the port of Aqaba for the export of potash when production starts in 1981.

The committee, consisting of representatives from the Ministry of Transport and the Arab Potash Company, will hold its first meeting at Aqaba next week.

Jordan's potash exports will total one million tons per annum. Markets include Asian, African and European countries.

## 250 archaeological sites in Ghor need excavating

AMMAN (JNA) — A survey of the Ghor region has confirmed the existence of more than 250 archaeological sites which need to be excavated the Director General of Antiquities, Dr. Adnan Al Hadidi, said Wednesday.

Excavation at some of these sites has already ended, such as at Tal Al Mazar, he added.

Meanwhile, studies are underway to find a site for a national museum, he said. The proposed museum will include gardens and libraries. Plans and details of cost have already been worked out, he concluded.

A folklore museum is to be opened soon in Karak, the Department of Antiquities announced Tuesday.

"Our Karak Home", as the museum will be called, will display traditional items and dresses which were used by the people of Karak.

An important discovery in the city of Palmyra in central Syria dating back to the first century B.C. was announced in Damascus Wednesday.

Archaeologists found a sculpture representing a huge lion holding in its hands an ibex. It measures 345 cms. in height and 165 cms. in width.

A source at the Syrian Department of Antiquities and Museums said the find is one of the marvels of the first century B.C. because of its appearance and the Palmyrian writing on it.

## PLA CHIEF PRESIDES OVER GRADUATION

AMMAN (JNA) — The Chief of Staff of the Palestine Liberation Army (PLA), Maj. Gen. Nihad Al Budeiri, Wednesday afternoon presided over a graduation ceremony for girl students at Martyr Hayat Al Bilbeisi Rehabilitation Centre, a PLA school at Jabal Hussein Social Youth Centre.

Speaking at the ceremony, Maj. Gen. Al Budeiri, congratulating King Hussein on the occasion of his silver jubilee, commended Jordan's support for the PLA stationed in Jordan.

Brig. Nihad Nusselbeh, Commander of the PLA in Jordan, expressed appreciation for King Hussein's wise leadership and his struggle to liberate the occupied Arab territories, restore the legitimate rights of the Arabs and consolidate Arab unity.

A Palestine arts exhibition displaying manual handicrafts, textiles and oil paintings was later opened.

# Abu Odeh receives Soviet delegation

AMMAN (JNA) — Minister of Information Adnan Abu Odeh Wednesday received a visiting delegation representing the Soviet Association for Friendship and Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries.

Mr. Abu Odeh explained to his Soviet guests, who arrived here Monday on a week-long visit, that Jordan's foreign policy is based on open relations with all states. This policy, Mr. Abu Odeh said, has been implemented throughout the 25 years of His Majesty King Hussein's reign.

The head of the Soviet delegation, Mr. Yevgeni Ivanov, afterwards praised Jordanian-Soviet relations and said that His Majesty's recent visit to the Soviet Union had bolstered relations between the two countries.

He expressed his country's wish to participate in the celebrations for His Majesty's silver jubilee. This participation will give the Soviet people the chance to get acquainted with the economic, social and cultural progress achieved by Jordan under the King's leadership, he stressed.

The Soviet delegation was later received by Minister of Culture and Youth Sharif Fawwaz Sharaf. Discussions centred on bilateral cultural relations and their future expansion.

The delegation, here at the invitation of the Jordanian-Soviet Friendship Society, Tuesday met with Minister of State

for Foreign Affairs Hassan Ibrahim.

Discussions centred on ways of boosting Jordanian-Soviet relations and the possibility of increasing exchanges and the supply of cultural information between the two countries.

Delegation members will also tour Jordan's cultural and historical sites.

## Joint planning committee meets to review work

AMMAN (JNA) — The technical committee of the Joint-Jordanian-Syrian Committee for Planning and Development began a meeting here Tuesday to review the work of its sub-committees.

The committee will debate a joint development strategy for the two countries, as well as the publication of a unified book to evaluate investment projects.

Other topics to come under discussion are the concepts and methods to be adopted in statistical work and agricultural and industrial development in both Jordan and Syria.

Jordan is represented by a team headed by the Secretary General of the National Planning Council, Dr. Tayyar Abdul Jaber, and the Syrian team by the Under-Secretary at the Ministry of Planning, Dr. Riad Ahrash.

## Fashion show tonight finances summer camp for orphan girls

AMMAN (J.T.) — Fifty orphan girls, between the ages of 10 and 13 will have the unique opportunity to attend a 20-day summer camp programme planned and sponsored by a dedicated ad-hoc committee of Jordanians and foreigners presently working or residing in Jordan.

The aim of the camp project, to be held at the Amman Training Centre from July 9-28, is to provide an educational and recreational programme for the girls. The participants

will be able to acquire useful attitudes, values and skills which will contribute to their personal growth and development and to the betterment of their communities.

Mrs. Nimra Tannous Es-Said, Chairman of the committee of 12 planners, said: "We have been fortunate to have local and international members on the ad-hoc committee working for the benefit of this summer camp programme. Their efforts have been sincere and dedicated to this charitable cause. It has been our privilege to organise this pilot project which will open new horizons in providing needy young girls in Jordan with the chance to participate as a group in a recreational and educational experience of this sort."

Mrs. Es-Said continued: "We are very happy that this project for needy girls has been scheduled to coincide with the 1977 jubilee activities. Our hope is that the success of this camp will draw continued support for enlarging the scope of the activity to include more girls from all over Jordan."

The daily programme for the 50 girls is extremely varied: Natural and social sciences, personal and environmental hygiene, arts and crafts, physical fitness and sports, games, music and singing. Camp leader Violet Shehadeh added that field trips to nearby sites of historical and educational interest will be planned for the campers.

Mrs. John Debrates — also known as Mohana, Indian film star of "Mangala" fame and 40 other films — has organised an exhibition of Arab national costumes, with all proceeds earmarked for the summer camp. The show, to be held by the pool of the Jordan Intercontinental Hotel, starts at 6 p.m. on Thursday, June 16.

Arab fashions will include dresses from private folklore collections, modern styles sewn from materials made in Jordan and Syria and a selection of national costumes to be provided by Arab and foreign embassies in Amman.

Mohana charmingly interjected: "I like working for the cause of children, as well as actually entertaining them. This is the second Arab fashion show I have organised in the past three years — the first was in Beirut. Both have been for charity."



Indian film star Mohana: Organiser of tonight's fashion show.

## England's village fete draws the crowds to the heart of luxurious Jabal Amman

By Irene Ramadan Special to the Jordan Times

The merriment was at its height. There were games, music, competitions, raffles, original things to buy, and candies to savour, and beer to drink... Just as at an English village fete.

Actually this fete took place Monday in Jabal Amman in the immense and splendid garden of British Ambassador John Moberly. His wife, Mrs. Patricia Moberly, and the British Ladies of Amman decided it was a good way to celebrate the twin silver jubilees of King Hussein and Queen Elizabeth II. It was a happy coincidence that the two jubilees fell in the same year.

Subsequently the British Ladies decided that proceeds from the fete would go to two charities: The Al Hussein Society

and the Prince Charles Appeal.

A lot of people — many more than expected — answered the appeal. And early Monday afternoon you could have seen a hundred people queuing at the entrance to the ambassador's residence to see the fete. The whole of Amman was there: The British community as well as the diplomatic corps, the wives of Jordanian ministers and officials and an uncountable number of Jordanian ladies accompanied by their children.

All these people, the children as well as the adults, were happily strolling in the garden, which for one afternoon turned out to be a real fair — full of colour, joy and entertainment.

While the Central Band of the Air Force played dynamic melodies, visitors literally stormed the various stalls built along a "village street". And they bought art objects, baby items, drinks, books, records, cakes, sweets, cosmetics, garden products, toys, souvenirs for both jubilees and second-

The British Ladies of Amman would like to express their sincere gratitude to all those who contributed so generously and who helped in so many ways to make the jubilee fete such a success.

hand clothes at the White Elephant Stall. They tried their luck and skill at bowling, lucky dip and treasure hunt. If anxious about their future, they consulted fortune tellers. To rest for a while, there was always the English tea room and pub.

And that wasn't all. The audience also watched Scottish dancing, a sword dance, a fashion show, an auction of coral and jade brooches donated by Princess Muna and children's fancy dress parade. And it was a real fancy parade: 20 children from 5 to 10 years were dressed as kings and queens from all countries and all centuries — including of course King Hussein and Queen Elizabeth.



Young King Hussein.



The winners of the fancy dress show: Hearty cheers for them.

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# Arab Economic Unity Council aims to coordinate industry

CAIRO, June 15 (R). — Economy and finance ministers their representatives from 12 Arab countries and the Palestinian Liberation Organisation (PLO) are meeting here today to discuss industrial coordination in the Arab World.

The ministers, invited by the Arab Economic Unity Council (AEUC), are also to consider the operation of an Arab Foreign Trading Company to handle long-term trade contracts.

During their three-day meeting, the ministers are expected to discuss obstacles facing the expansion of the Arab Common Market, AEUC officials said.

The ministers had before them working papers prepared by the AEUC and the Industrial Development Centre of Arab States (IDCAS) on the drawbacks of duplication of industrial projects in Arab countries.

The papers pointed out that as a result, between 25 and 50 per cent of the capacity of existing industrial Arab ventures are idle.

The papers suggested that in view of the limited Arab market and to avoid low quality production unable to compete with developed countries' productions, Arab countries, through coordination, should agree instead on the creation of projects in certain countries.

The papers noted that industrial plans in Arab countries until the year 1980 included the creation of eight new fertilizer factories, 11 cement projects, nine iron and steel projects and four projects for car and tractors assembly. The papers said that in the field of fertilizers alone, surplus Arab production in 1981 is expected to amount to about 3.5 million tons which would have to be exported.

One major obstacle forecast by the papers was that world surplus at this time was expected to amount to about six million tons which was likely to make it more difficult for the Arabs to export fertilizers.

The meeting is attended by Egypt, Syria, Iraq, Kuwait, Sudan, Somalia, North Yemen, South Yemen, Mauritania, Jordan, the United Arab Emirates, the Libyan Jamahiriyyah and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

AEUC Secretary General, Dr. Abdul Aal Al Sakban said Libya and Sudan have joined the Arab Common Market increasing its membership to six. Other members are Egypt, Syria, Iraq and Jordan.

He called on other Arab countries to join the market.

Earlier this month, Dr. Sakban said the volume of trade exchange between AEUC members has increased by 294 per cent between 1965 and 1975.

The ministers are also expected to discuss ways of solving transport and telecommunication problems between Arab states.

Dr. Sakban called for the creation of an "Arab train" linking the Arab West and the Arab East.



**PIGGYBACK TEST** -- The Space Shuttle Enterprise undergoes its fifth and final unmanned flight over the Mojave Desert in California atop a modified 747 jumbo jet. Attaining speeds up to 700 kilometres per hour, the craft performed climbs and gradual pushovers. During descents, power was reduced and speed brakes deployed to simulate conditions necessary to launch the Shuttle.

## Britain boosts aid to poor countries

LONDON, June 15 (AFP). — Britain's aid to developing countries has risen by a total of £113 million since last year to reach £679 million by the end of this year, Prime Minister James Callaghan announced here yesterday.

Speaking at the Commonwealth Conference, Mr. Callaghan reaffirmed that Britain was committed to boosting substantially its aid to the world's poorest countries "despite the economic difficulties of the moment."

Two thirds of the global British aid will go to Third World countries with an annual per capita income lower than \$200. He added that these countries would include eight commonwealth members: Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Malawi, Lesotho, India, Gambia, Sierra Leone and Tanzania.

Mr. Callaghan stressed that British aid to developing countries, whether or not they were commonwealth members, would be given under the form of "grants and not loans."

He announced his decision to double British aid to Mozambique to some £10 million this year and that aid to refugees from Rhodesia and Namibia (Southwest Africa) would reach £4 million by the end of the year.

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So it is firmly backing "le petit brun" (the little brown), as the chicory-coffee mixture has been dubbed.

Cafe owners say unless there is a very big difference between the price of real coffee and the price of the mixture there is little chance that coffee-drinkers will switch in big numbers to the substitute.

"We're not that poor in this country," said one cafe owner. "If I put this stuff on sale just 30 centimes (some 3p), cheaper than the real thing, no one will touch it."

## Shah wants 4 more nuclear power plants from France

PARIS, June 15 (R). — The Shah of Iran said in a radio interview broadcast here today he wants to buy four more nuclear power plants from France and is prepared to barter oil for them.

"We want at least four additional nuclear power stations from France and we are even ready to exchange them entirely for oil," he told the French state-run radio France-Inter. "We are awaiting France's reply."

Iran recently concluded an agreement with France for the construction of two nuclear power stations of 900 megawatts each. Chief executives of Framatome, the French engineering company which builds nuclear power plants, are at present in Tehran putting the final touches to the 10 billion franc (\$5 billion) contract, Framatome officials said.

During a visit to Tehran last November, President Valery Giscard d'Estaing said the Shah of Iran and his government planned to buy eight nuclear power plants from France.

The stations will be built on a second gas pipeline between the gas fields of Hassi R'mel and Arzew on the Mediterranean, where a second liquefaction plant is being built.

The new equipment, to be set up in 20 months, will boost the pipelines capacity from 6.4 to 13.5 billion cubic metres a year, APS said.

The hard currency part of the contract will be financed by Italian export credits, it added.

## Algeria, Italy sign contract for 5 gas pumping stations

ALGIERS, June 15 (R). — The Algerian oil and gas concern Sonatrach has signed a 300 million dinar (£45.5 million) contract with the Italian company Sadelmi for five gas pumping stations, the Algerian Press Service News Agency reported last night.

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## Free quarterly Chief Executive Magazine begun

NEW YORK, June 15 (AFP). — A quarterly magazine, said to be for the world's political and business elite, was launched here today with the title "Chief Executive Magazine".

It is sent free of charge to an upper-crust international audience of 25,000 and is financed solely by its advertising revenue. The first issue consists of 40 pages.

The front cover shows President Jimmy Carter who is a contributor to the magazine along with President Sadat of Egypt, Baron Edmond de Rothschild and other major figures.

The Shah of Iran said in an interview that his country may not call for a new oil price rise next month.

## French coffee connoisseurs balk at chicory substitute

By Roger Crabb

PARIS, (R). — Coffee at breakfast and after each meal is almost sacrosanct to the average Frenchman and nothing, including the cafe trade and the government, is likely to change things.

This is the general message received in an unofficial poll of customers drinking their after-lunch coffee at a Paris cafe.

To the customers, a mixture of coffee and chicory is no substitute for the real thing. Yet, with the cost of coffee steadily soaring, it is just such

a mixture that the cafe trade is planning to sell here as a low-priced substitute for the genuine beverage.

The government is actively encouraging the idea. For coffee imports are at present costing about seven billion francs (£800 million) a year -- or about 15 per cent of the nation's energy bill.

First reactions from Frenchmen sipping their "petit noir" (small black coffee) were blankly negative.

"Me? Drink chicory? You must be joking," said one middle-aged man. "It's coffee for me, no matter how much it costs."

Several other customers agreed. Yet there is a very real dilemma for the cafe owners.

The supermarket price of coffee has tripled in under three years. But government price controls have ensured that the "petit noir" is sold in cafes at a low price -- on average only one franc 20 centimes (14p).

Cafe owners recently staged a one-day "no coffee" strike protesting against this price curb.

If they sell a chicory-coffee mixture they can keep the price down. They have suggested to the government that in that case they should be allowed to charge the market price, say three francs (about 35p).

The Finance Ministry refused, fearing this was merely a manoeuvre by cafe proprietors to obtain a steep price increase by back door methods.

Supposing no one switched to the chicory-coffee brew? they asked. One would be left with coffee at three times the present price.

In a year before a general election, such evidence of infatuation

on the basis of life could be political dynamite to a government already plagued by economic troubles.

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# Iran to own 25% of W. Germany's Krupp

ESSEN, West Germany, June 16 (R). — Iran will soon own one quarter of the shares in West Germany's Krupp Steel concern, the firm's Finance Director, Herr Alfred Lukac, said today.

Introducing the annual report at a press conference here, Herr Lukac said the company's present capital of 528.7 million marks (£131.2 million) would be increased next month -- the second rise this year. In February its capital was increased by 28.7 million marks (about £7 million) enabling Iran to acquire a 5.3 per cent stake in the company.

Under a deal agreed last October, Krupp is raising its capital from 500 to 700 million marks (£125 to £175 million) in several stages ending in 1978.

Of this sum, Iran is contributing 175 million marks (about £43.75 million) and Krupp 25 million marks (about £6.25 million).

Board Chairman Heinz Petry

Iranian participation was a milestone in the company's 165-year history since for the first time a non-member of the family holds shares.

Iran's participation would help Krupp improve its equity resources, thus guaranteeing the group's long-term growth he said.

The 25 per cent holding will be in the hands of a special department of the Iran Finance Ministry which has already taken over the stake in the Krupp steel foundries, bought by Iran's National Steel Corporation, he said.

Iran last year took 40 per cent of two Krupp subsidiaries in Brazil.

Herr Lukac evaluates investment there at nearly 200 million marks (about £50 million). Krupp, whose activities include steel manufacturing, industrial plants, shipbuilding and engineering, has a backlog of orders from Iran totalling some 500 million marks (£125 million).

## ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

\* VIENNA, June 15 (R). — Israel and Austria have agreed to sponsor a special conference of economically smaller nations to see how their limited funds for scientific research can be pooled, Austrian Science Minister Hertha Firnberg said yesterday. Chief goal of the conference, which may be held here, would be to lighten scientific and technological collaboration among states which do not have the resources to finance their own large-scale research projects.

\* SAN FRANCISCO, June 15 (R). — U.S. Interior Secretary Cecil Andrus said yesterday the Alaska oil pipeline, due to begin pumping oil next Monday, would put "only a temporary dent in the nation's dependence on foreign oil." He said that energy conservation was still vital in the fight to limit imports. Mr. Andrus said he would decide within a fortnight which of three proposed routes to recommend to President Carter for a natural gas pipeline from Alaska's north slope. Mr. Andrus said the president would make the final decision on that route by the end of the year, subject to a congressional veto.

\* PARIS, June 15 (R). — The government has announced an increase in petrol taxes raising the price of a litre of super grade from 2.32 francs to 2.37 (£1.27 per imperial gallon). The price of ordinary two star also went up five centimes a litre to 2.19 francs (£1.17 per imperial gallon).

\* LUXEMBOURG, June 15 (R). — Britain yesterday blocked agreement among the Common Market nine requiring it to share its shortage. British Minister of State Dickson Mabon told reporters after a session of EEC energy ministers that Britain could not be forced to cut its oil consumption by more than 10 per cent "at the dictates of the EEC." The nine have already agreed on the mechanics for a share-out and consumption reduction of less than 10 per cent for the first two months of any supply crisis.

\* TOKYO, June 15 (AFP). — Japan will extend a 3,880 million yen (about \$13 million) "soft" loan to North Yemen for construction of a rural water supply system the government announced today. The loan carrying an annual interest rate of 2.75 per cent, will be repayable over 30 years, including a 10-year grace period, the announcement said.

\* WASHINGTON, June 15 (R). — President Carter won his first significant victory in Congress yesterday in his campaign to conserve energy resources by forcing up costs to American consumers. The Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives agreed, by 21 votes to 16, to increase taxes on domestically-produced crude oil to bring prices in line with world oil prices by 1980.

## LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

Following are the official exchange rates in effect at the start of today's business day, as set by the Central Bank of Jordan.

The first column is how much you would receive in Jordanian fils for selling a unit of the foreign currency, while the second column denotes how much it would cost you to buy a unit of the foreign currency:

Saudi riyal	92.6	93.0
Lebanese pound	107.0	108.1
Syrian pound	81	81.4
Iraqi dinar	938	947
Kuwaiti dinar	1140	1146
Egyptian pound	460	470
Libyan dinar	725	745
UAE dirham	83.8	84.3
U.K. sterling	569	575
U.S. dollar	330	332
German mark	140.4	140.8
French franc	66.9	67.2
Swiss franc	132.8	132.2
Italian lira (for every 100)	37.4	37.6

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies against the dollar at the close of inter-bank trading on the London Foreign Exchange Market today. Tourist rates will differ from those quoted below.

One sterling =	1.7195 / 97	U.S. dollars
One dollar =	2.3545 / 55	West German marks
	2.4760 / 75	Dutch guilders
	2.4900 / 10	Swiss francs
	36.05 / 06	Belgian francs
	4.9415 / 25	French francs
	885.5 / 15	Italian lire
	272.50 / 65	Japanese yen
	4.4200 / 30	Swedish crowns
	5.2740 / 70	Norwegian crowns
	6.0430 / 60	Danish crowns

## WALL STREET REPORT

Prices pulled back Wednesday on the New York Stock Exchange, where the industrial average lost five points after Tuesday's strong rally.

Analysts said blue chips, which have been under pressure recently, apparently reached a resistance level creating impetus to sell. Despite the drop in the industrial average, the market showed some underlying strength in overall trading, analysts added.

Indeed, advances outnumbered declines at the close by a slight 709 to 696 margin.

Aerospace shares were steady with the exception of General Dynamics, which lost 1-1/8 at 55-1/8. Chemicals were mixed: Dupont lost 1-1/4 at 114-1/2.

At the close, the industrial average shows at 917.57, a loss of 5.00 points; Transp at 237.78, a loss of 0.58; utilities at 113.84, a loss of 0.19. 22,640,000 shares changed hands, of which 3,940,000 during the last hour.

## LONDON MARKET REPORT

The market moved lower Wednesday on small selling in a thin market, dealers said. At 15:00 the F.T. index was down 4.4 at 451.0.

The defeat in Parliament for the government on the committee stage of its finance bill was the main depressant. Government bonds suffered most with falls ranging to one point.


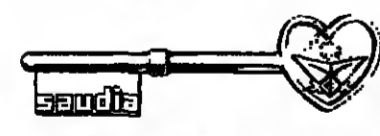

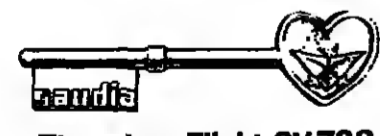
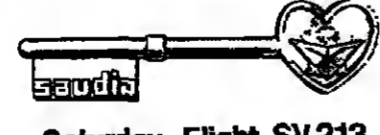
Equities followed the trend but some issues were above the day's lows. Golds turned firmer with the bullion price while U.S. issues made headway in line with Wall Street. Canadians held steady.


Unilever and Hawker Siddeley were each 8p off while losses of 4p to 7p were seen in ICI, Glaxo, Bats, Guest Keen and Beecham.

In mixed oils, B.P. finished 4p down having opened 6p higher while Shell halved an 8p rise. Barclays lost a 3p rise but other banks gained narrowly as did insurances.

Price of gold closed in London Wednesday at \$138.90/oz.

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GENERAL TENDENCIES: Today's New Moon suggests you wind up whatever you have been working on so it is out of the way. You will find that a whole new set of conditions will arise giving you the chance to do them intelligently. Get rid of the unfinished. ... (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Clear your desk of accumulated correspondence, straighten accounts and prepare for deals ahead. Don't lose your temper with others or get into trouble. Show more sincerity toward others. ... (Apr. 20 to May 20) Get bills paid and feel free. Plan how to increase income appreciably. You have special talents that can be put to use successfully. ... (May 21 to June 21) Get personal duties handled quickly and get into some activity that really sees you. Contact persons you have known for a while and show you are still devoted to them. ... (June 22 to July 21) You can handle state matters well now. Try to please a loved one more by being happier. Stop getting worked up over nothing. ... (July 22 to Aug. 21) First complete what you started before you go after some new aim. Be more appreciative of your good pals. Think constructively. ... (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Civic problems can be handled out intelligently so get busy early. Listen to advice from you by a higher-up and follow it. Do nothing that jeopardize present security, though. ... (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Get rid of unfinished work you have done into some new interest you have in mind. ... (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Pay bills, improve financial and material affairs. Clear up any arguments you have with mate or loved one. ... (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) If you complete whatever jobs you start, you gain the respect of partners. Don't confide in others about some trouble, since it could be a little plot. Handle it wisely yourself. ... (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Complete whatever is you have started since new situations arise that demand careful attention. Take care of some physical blemish quickly. Do nothing that can hurt another. ... (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Get beauty and health treatments worked out nicely, and then be with good friends for fun. Avoid a known troublemaker, though. ... (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Complete duties at home to establish more relations there. Wind up some outlet so that you are ready to tackle a new one that is most pleasing. Avoid one with a jealous streak.

PEANUTS comic strip panels. Panel 1: 'SECOND BOOK OF KINGS... CHAPTER NINE.' Panel 2: 'JEZEBEL IS SITTING THERE LOOKING OUT OF THE WINDOW, SEE...' Panel 3: 'BEFORE SHE CAN DO ANYTHING, THREE MEN PICK HER UP AND THROW HER OUT THE WINDOW!' Panel 4: 'SOUNDS LIKE A GREAT TV SERIES'.

ANDY GAPP comic strip panels. Panel 1: 'BOY! HAVE I BEEN RUSHED OFF MY FEET AT WORK TODAY!' Panel 2: 'IF YOU'D ONLY SLOW DOWN THERE'D BE MORE OVERTIME GOING!' Panel 3: 'YOU DON'T THINK THAT'S YOUR TROUBLE!' Panel 4: 'WE'LL NEVER BE RICH WHILE WE'VE GOT A WORKER WHO DOESN'T THINK AND A THINKER WHO DOESN'T WORK'.

MUTT & JEFF comic strip panels. Panel 1: 'YES, THAT'S RIGHT, THESE WHISTLES ARE SO HIGH PITCHED THEY CAN ONLY BE HEARD BY DOGS!' Panel 2: 'TWEETEE!' Panel 3: 'I SUPPOSE YOU'RE RIGHT, PET' Panel 4: 'BUT I DON'T THINK THE LACK OF RAIN HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH THIS LAKE GOING DRY...'

THE FLINTSTONES comic strip panels. Panel 1: 'DO YOU THINK THE DROUGHT KILLED THOSE TREES?' Panel 2: 'NO QUESTION ABOUT IT, FRED!' Panel 3: 'BUT I DON'T THINK THE LACK OF RAIN HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH THIS LAKE GOING DRY...'

LAUGHS FROM EUROPE comic strip panels. Panel 1: 'Care for another piece of excess poundage?' Panel 2: 'Care for another piece of excess poundage?' Panel 3: 'Care for another piece of excess poundage?'

THE BETTER HALF. By Barnes. A cartoon showing a woman looking at a man's reflection in a mirror. Caption: 'Care for another piece of excess poundage?'

PROVERB. Don't be penny wise but pound foolish.

GORED BRIDGE

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Neither vulnerable. South deals. NORTH ♠ 2 ♥ 107 ♦ J9842 ♣ QJ1096 WEST ♠ AKJ64 ♥ Q942 ♦ 53 ♣ A3 EAST ♠ Q10753 ♥ KJ ♦ 10 ♣ 87542 SOUTH ♠ 98 ♥ A8653 ♦ AKQ76 ♣ K

The bidding: South West North East 1♥ 1♣ Pass 3♣ 4♦ 4♣ 5♦ Pass Pass Opening lead: King of ♣ Aggressive bidding by South led to a good save against an opposing four spade game. Then an unexpected bonus arrived when passive defense by West allowed declarer to land his contract. Because of his fine distribution, South was determined to compete despite the advanced level of the auction. When West went on to four spades, North decided that his five-card support for partner's second suit, combined with his shortness in the majors and lack of defensive values, merited pressing on to five diamonds. West led the king of spades, and East followed with a somewhat ambivalent seven. He did not relish West shifting to a heart, but neither was he prepared for a club shift. West continued with the ace of spades and school was out. Declarer ruffed and led a club to his king. No matter what the defense did, declarer would be able to discard his four low hearts on dummy's clubs, and thus hold his losers to one club and one spade. West should have realized that it was futile to continue spades at trick two. A shift was urgently required in view of dummy's menace. How is West supposed to know that his partner has the king of hearts? He cannot. But it is clear that a heart shift cannot cost. Assume that declarer holds A-K-J in hearts. In that case, he will get, at most, three discards from dummy, but getting rid of three of dummy's clubs cannot help his cause. On the other hand, shifting to club is dangerous because it might set up dummy's suit. If the defenders have two club tricks coming, they will get them anyway. The only tricks that are likely to get away are in the heart suit.

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# West proposes agenda allowing discussion of human rights Belgrade conference opens

BELGRADE, June 15 (R). — The West moved quickly today to head off expected Soviet attempts to limit discussion of human rights during the European security conference here.

The second-stage conference began today when nearly 200 senior diplomats met for preparatory talks to lay the ground for a higher-level meeting in the autumn.

Western countries at once tabled a blueprint agenda for the 35-state gathering that would permit open-ended discussion on all aspects of detente.

Conference sources said the plan, presented by Britain which acted for the nine-nation European Community, was designed to facilitate searching analysis of human rights — a topic the Soviet Bloc would prefer not to be the main focus.

Yugoslav police acted swiftly just before today's meeting be-

gan to prevent a demonstration by British, American and other women on behalf of Jewish dissidents arrested in the Soviet Union.

There were no incidents during their detention, an official said. Some of the women complained loudly about being ordered to leave the country.

A Yugoslav government official said the women were ordered to leave within 24 hours because they broke Yugoslav laws by coming in as tourists then indulging in political activities.

"Yugoslavia will not permit any disturbance of the work of the conference or any actions aimed against other countries," he added.

A member of the group told Western correspondents that several of the campaigners came to the approaches of the conference centre early today with banners, but uniformed

police stopped the group before the women could unfurl them. The demonstrators were then escorted away.

Fifteen women were detained, some at their hotel, as they prepared to go to the conference centre to unfurl protest banners. They were ordered to pack and taken to the airport for deportation.

Human rights, pressed forcibly by President Carter, are expected to overshadow the preparatory stage, due to last about six weeks, and possibly the full conference, starting in late September or early October.

Officials said the British procedural plan, supported by the U.S. and the 15-nation NATO alliance as well as the Common Market, laid down ground rules for the agenda, timing and procedure of the full conference. Britain is president of the Common Market at present.

The preparatory stage of the conference was expected to focus on procedural roadblocks, with the seven-nation Soviet Bloc anxious to switch the focus away from human rights to less sensitive fields such as trade and cultural exchanges.

The conference opened quietly with a seven-minute public ceremony at a new glass-and-concrete centre specially built by Yugoslavia at a cost of \$35 million.

# S. African F.M. meets Ian Smith in surprise visit to Salisbury

SALISBURY, June 15 (AFP). — South African Foreign Minister P.W. Botha arrived here today unexpectedly and had talks lasting three hours with Rhodesian Premier Ian Smith and his cabinet.

Mr. Botha, making his first official visit to Rhodesia since becoming foreign minister earlier this year, said afterwards that "matters of common interest" were discussed but refused to give details.

The presence of cabinet ministers at the talks led to speculation that an important stage in the latest Anglo-American initiative on Rhodesia — with South Africa playing a key role — had been reached.

But Mr. Botha said his visit today would probably be one of several he would make and there was nothing unusual about it.

Mr. Smith said he invited Mr. Botha to Salisbury during his visit to South Africa earlier this year. Mr. Smith said Rhodesia had figured in the Vienna talks between South African Premier John Vorster and United States Vice President Walter Mondale and Mr. Botha had briefed him on this.

Mr. Botha and South African Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs Brand Fourie were driven straight to Mr. Smith's office when they arrived here on executive jet.

Rhodesian cabinet ministers arrived soon afterwards. But they refused any comment before or after the talks.

Observers noted that the meeting comes only a few days before Mr. Botha leaves for Washington and talks on the Southern African situation, with Rhodesia firmly on the agenda.

Mr. Botha said he planned to return to South Africa later today.

# Janata heads for landslide triumph in state elections

NEW DELHI, June 15 (R). — The ruling Janata (People's) Party of Prime Minister Morarji Desai won a majority of seats in four state assemblies and was heading for victory in four others in a repeat of its landslide March general election triumph.

But it suffered heavily in volatile West Bengal and in Tamil Nadu in the north where it made a desperate bid to capture power. Janata made a special effort in Tamil Nadu which rejected it in March.

The Congress Party of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, which ruled most of India's 22 states until fresh elections were ordered in 10 of them, was badly mauled. So far it has won only 153 seats from a total of 2,300 at stake in the 10 states and the Union Territory of Delhi. Janata has won 587 of the 1,032 results declared and needs to win two-thirds of the total to establish a majority in the Electoral College.

Members of the two houses of parliament and the state assemblies will form the Electoral College which will choose a new Indian president in August.

The Congress Party's poor showing is certain to plunge it into a fresh crisis as its defeat will be seen as yet another vote against Mrs. Gandhi and her 21-month emergency rule.

# Britain reportedly concluded secret arms deals with Israel

BEIRUT, June 15 (R). — The former editor of the Egyptian newspaper Al-Ahram said today that Britain had concluded several secret arms deals with Israel and was now training a large number of Israeli officers in British submarines.

Writing in the independent Beirut newspaper Al-Anwar, Mr. Mohammed Hassanin Helikal said that a "large number" of Israeli naval personnel was being trained at a British naval base in Scotland.

Mr. Helikal, a close aide of the late President Gamal Abdul Nasser, did not specify the number of Israeli sailors. He said they were training at a naval base used by Britain and the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO).

Mr. Helikal said secret arms deals Britain had concluded with Israel included the sale of three Vickers submarines for £75 million under a contract signed in 1975.

The submarine deal, still not confirmed by the British government, first came to light last March when two Israeli sailors undergoing training were killed in a crash in Scotland.

"The British government is involved in the matter because selling submarines to a foreign country cannot be regarded as a mere commercial transaction with the Vickers Company," Mr. Helikal said.

He added: "The training is conducted at a NATO base which means that the deal is part of NATO policy."

British Embassy officials here said they had no knowledge of the reported training programme or arms deals.

British arms sales to foreign countries were subject to approval by a government commission and decided on an individual basis, the officials said.

In Tel Aviv Israeli military sources today declined to make any comment on the reports.

# Egyptian ex-minister sentenced in absentia on torture charges

CAIRO, June 15 (R). — Former Egyptian War Minister Shams Badran was today sentenced in his absence to 30 years imprisonment on charges of torturing political prisoners during the era of the late President Gamal Abdul Nasser.

But the criminal court which passed sentence on Mr. Badran and 12 others convicted in the case rejected a claim by the torture victims against the family of President Nasser for damages of 700,000 Egyptian pounds (about same as sterling).

Mr. Badran is reported to be living in London.

The charges alleged that torture was used against members of the rightwing Muslim Brotherhood and others accused of trying to topple President Nasser in 1965, as well as against army officers accused of anti-Nasser plotting in 1963.

Torture charges were brought against a total of 24 people, all of whom were members of the army at the time of the alleged offences.

Mr. Badran and two others were tried in their absence, while the remaining 21 accused were present.

Mr. Badran was Egypt's War Minister at the time of the 1967 Arab-Israeli war. He was tried and sentenced to hard labour for life the following year on charges of plotting against President Nasser, but was released by President Anwar Sadat about four years ago.

Army Lt. Safat Robi was also sentenced to 30 years imprisonment in the torture case.

Four soldiers were sentenced to five years in jail and seven others, including one officer, were sentenced to three years.

Two retired colonels tried in absentia were also acquitted.

The court ordered Gen. Mohammed Gamaassi, in his capacity as Egypt's present War Minister, together with the accused, to pay compensation ranging from 5,000 pounds (about same as sterling) for three of the victims to one piaster (one penny) in temporary compensation for the others.

According to Egyptian law, victims can claim one piaster in temporary compensation. If their requests are approved by the court, they can then file suits asking whatever amount of money they deem reasonable as compensation. This demand then has to be approved or rejected by the court.

Under the 1971 Egyptian Constitution, the only kind of crime not affected by any statute of limitation is torture.

President Sadat had stepped in to cut short what he described as slander and defamatory campaigns against Mr. Nasser earlier this month following press accounts of charges made against him during the torture case.

Mr. Sadat said: "Abdul Nasser now belongs to history which will say its word on him, and if some newspapers precede history by defamation, this becomes an insult even to history itself."

# Expected to name Brezhnev to presidency Supreme Soviet opens meet today

MOSCOW, June 15 (R). — The Supreme Soviet, the Soviet parliament, opens a two-day session in Moscow tomorrow which is widely expected to set the seal on the first top-level Kremlin leadership changes for almost 12 years.

The two-chamber body is meeting just three weeks after President Nikolai Podgorny was ousted unexpectedly from the Communist Party's ruling Politburo, and it appears certain the deputies will vote him out of the post of head of state.

Western analysts in Moscow say there seems little doubt that party General Secretary Leonid Brezhnev will be elected to the presidency, thus consolidating his position as the most powerful Soviet leader since Josef Stalin.

But before these develop-

ments take place, the Supreme Soviet will spend most of Thursday and Friday discussing other topics — possible forestry and the environment. As usual, no advance agenda for the session has been released.

No public explanation has been issued for the 74-year-old Mr. Podgorny's departure from the Politburo, the Kremlin's inner cabinet, after over a decade as one of its top three figures.

But there have been many indications that he is in official disgrace.

Although nominally still president, his portrait has been removed from public places and reportedly from government offices, and he is no longer signing decrees and messages that should bear the signature of the head of state.

And he was unmentioned in official reports, yesterday and today, of discussions by the Supreme Soviet Presidium — which he formally heads — of the friendship treaty he signed with Mozambique during a tour of Southern Africa in March.

The presidium ratified the treaty with no apparent reference to his role.

Western analysts believe Mr. Podgorny probably came into conflict with Kremlin colleagues over the new Soviet Constitution, which provides for the creation of the post of first vice president.

There is widespread speculation in Moscow that Mr. Podgorny himself was offered this job so that Mr. Brezhnev could move smoothly into the presidency — freed of most of its protocol chores — when the constitution is voted into force in October.

Western analysts believe he turned down this suggestion and refused to contemplate resigning from the presidency, thus violating the cardinal Soviet principle of "democratic centralism" or non-resistance to "majority" decisions.

Mr. Brezhnev, who has long been rumoured to want to add the top state job to his party leadership, could still postpone his accession to the presidency until October but diplomatic observers believe he will almost certainly take the job now.

The most likely scenario would be for an announcement at the end of the Supreme Soviet session on Friday that the Presidium had decided to release Mr. Podgorny from his job.

The 1,517 deputies would then approve this unanimously without debate and then a too leader, perhaps Prime Minister Alexei Kosygin, would announce Mr. Brezhnev for the job. This would also be approved unanimously.

# Attackers of Yugoslav U.N. mission surrender

NEW YORK, June 15 (R). — Three Croatian nationalist gunmen yesterday stormed Yugoslavia's United Nations mission seriously wounding a guard, but surrendered to police within three hours after tossing leaflets from a window.

They failed to take any hostages, although at one point they faked a woman's voice to try to make police believe that they had done so.

Officials said their only demand was that leaflets demanding a U.N. takeover of Yugoslavia be distributed at the world body and shown to Secretary General Kurt Waldheim.

Croatian exile extremists, who hijacked an airliner last year, demand independence for their Balkan homeland, one of six Yugoslav federated republics.

The gunmen's claim to hold a hostage in yesterday's drama gained currency among watching reporters when a woman appeared at the window and called out "I'm okay but I'm nervous."

But it turned out that she was an agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) sent in to take part in negotiations with the gunmen.

The injured man was 50-year-old mission driver and security guard Radomir Medic, shot in the stomach and seriously hurt when the gunmen broke in. A hospital said later that, following surgery, his condition was fair.

The incident was the latest in a string of Croatian exile attacks that included the hijack of a U.S. airliner to Paris last September with 51 people aboard.

# Moluccans give dead gunmen a martyrs' funeral

ASSEN, Holland, June 15 (R). — Mourning South Moluccan exiles gave a martyrs' funeral yesterday to the young gunmen whose three-week siege aboard a hijacked train cost their own lives and those of two Dutch hostages.

There were masses of flowers and scores of red, green, white and blue Moluccan flags.

About 4,000 people drawn from 30 exile communities, scattered around Holland, sang mournful hymns and formed a procession more than a kilometre long as they followed the coffins of the five men and one woman to a mass grave beside a picturesque lake.

Young Moluccans sealed off the area to all but their own people and reporters and cameramen. At scattered points along the procession route a few Dutch people, sitting ast-

ride bicycles, looked on curiously.

But there was no display of the bitterness aroused by the Moluccans twin commando raid in which, for the first four days, more than 100 schoolchildren were held at gunpoint in their school in nearby Bovensluisde.

In the Hague yesterday, Dutch Prime Minister Joop den Uyl, whose cabinet ordered the marine assault on train and school which ended the siege and released 53 hostages last Saturday morning, told parliament that he would have permitted the gunmen to leave the country in safety.

A deal was almost reached in the first week of the siege, the prime minister said, but the guerrillas would not name the destination to which they wanted to be flown.

The government insisted that they could not take with them any of their jailed compatriots — convicted for previous guerrilla crimes — or any hostages. Without an agreed destination, the government felt that the crew of any plane carrying the gunmen would have become hostages in their turn, Mr. den Uyl said.

Seven gunmen survived the marine assault last Saturday. A Justice Ministry spokesman said yesterday that they would be charged with illegal deprivation of liberty — the equivalent of kidnapping.

# MILAN TRIAL OPENS OF GUERRILLA CHIEF

MILAN, June 15 (R). — The trial of urban guerrilla chief Renato Curcio started today after a two-hour delay in a courtroom surrounded by hundreds of armed police.

Mr. Curcio, 33, his girlfriend Nadia Mantovani and three others are accused of trying to kill a policeman during a raid on a flat here early last year when they were arrested.

The bearded self-proclaimed chieftain of the ultra-leftist "Red Brigades" appeared confident, smiled at press and television cameras and chatted with his co-defendants.

The delayed start of the trial was apparently caused by the failure of some jurors to attend on time after initial unwillingness of others to take part, court sources said.

The "Red Brigades", Italy's most-feared extremist group, have claimed responsibility for several kidnaps, bombings and politically-motivated killings during the last five years.

# Swiss hospital reports 3 cases of premature ageing

ZURICH, June 15 (R). — Swiss health authorities said yesterday that a lethal virus causing premature ageing had struck three patients in a Zurich hospital.

United States Nobel Prize winner Daniel Gajdusek, an expert in slow virus diseases, has flown here to help treat the only survivor of the rare disease, known as pre-senile dementia, the hospital said.

The Cantonal (provincial) Hospital, in its initial statement, said the virus was first observed nearly three years ago.

Yesterday's statement was made because of an article in a Swiss newspaper and a report in the New York Times last month, it said.

The hospital said the virus had probably been passed on by electrodes used in a brain examination on a 69-year-old woman suffering from the disease, who had since died.

The only survivor is a woman, in her 20s, but yesterday's statement said her case was hopeless.

The hospital had also used the electrodes during examinations on the young woman and a 15-year-old boy. By the end of 1973 both showed signs of having caught the virus.

The hospital did not say when the boy had died.

Prof. Gajdusek, of the U.S. National Institute of Health, said he knew of two people who had caught the extremely rare disease as a result of eye graft operations, the statement said.

He planned to test the virulence of the electrodes used at Zurich in his own laboratories, it added.

The hospital said tests on laboratory animals would take time because the disease took one or two years to appear.

It said its electrodes would be specially sterilised in the future.

# Basis exists for Western-South African agreement over Namibian question

LUSAKA, June 15 (AFP). — Representatives of five Western governments, currently engaged in a diplomatic effort to reach a peaceful solution on Namibia, said yesterday that they have "a basis" for agreement with South Africa.

Speaking at a press conference on arrival here, the United States representative, Donald McHenry said, "I think we now have the basis for an agreement. . . I didn't say we have reached an agreement, but I said we have the basis of ingredients of an agreement to the Namibian problem."

Mr. McHenry, speaking on behalf of the other four members of the "contact" group, Canada, France, United Kingdom, and West Germany, said they had "useful and constructive conversations" with South African Premier John Vorster a few days ago.

Mr. McHenry, who held talks with officials of the Namibian government and representatives of the South West Africa People's Organisation (SWAPO) here, said a settlement of the Namibian question must be "acceptable to the principal parties concerned."

"The parties concerned are: Namibians, the United Nations

and South Africans — whether one says it or not," he said.

Asked whether the South African government has agreed that there should be free elections supervised by the United Nations in Namibia, Mr. McHenry said: "I think it is possible to have free elections in Namibia and this is in accordance with the U.N. mandatory resolution, which calls for free elections. We have been discussing a settlement with the South African government based on U.N. resolutions. We have come a long way and we have a long way to go and it's going to require a lot of hard work to find a final solution on the issue."

Mr. McHenry said: "I am optimistic of the results in the sense that progress has been made in the last four months compared to the deadlock which has been in existence for 31 years."

Mr. McHenry said that it was now up to SWAPO to accept the possibility of appointing an administrator general, who will hold the transitional administrative responsibilities.

"The appointment of an administrator general in Namibia is one of the aspects of the package for basis for an agreement," he said.

Mr. McHenry also said that President Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia has already been informed of what was discussed between the five Western representatives and the South African government.

President Samora Machel of Mozambique and President Julius Nyerere of Tanzania had also been informed.

Yesterday, South African Prime Minister John Vorster said that the Namibian dispute can now be settled if the United Nations and the rest of the world so desire.

Mr. Vorster was speaking in the National Assembly, in Cape Town, on the second day of the South West Africa constitution amendment bill intended to end South African control of the territory.

The bill provides for the appointment of an administrator general for the territory.

Diplomats from the five Western countries had been fully informed about what was intended in the bill, Mr. Vorster said.

They had agreed that both the bill and the proposed appointment of an administrator general were consistent with their discussions aimed at reaching an internationally-accepted solution.

Mr. Vorster yesterday reminded the National Assembly that the diplomats with whom the

# WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

\* CAIRO, June 15 (R). — A Supreme State Security Court today sentenced 13 people to a total of 73 years jail on charges resulting from last January's bloody food riots in Egypt which left about 80 dead. The court, sitting in Cairo, acquitted 16 others.

\* UNITED NATIONS, June 15 (R). — Mr. Andrew Young, the American U.N. delegate advised by President Carter, to broaden his diplomatic interests beyond African affairs, will visit the Caribbean in August, usually reliable sources said yesterday. Jamaica and Guyana are thought certain to be on the itinerary, but it was not known whether the tour would include Cuba.

\* PARIS, June 15 (AFP). — Indian Prime Minister Morarji Desai arrived here today from London for a 24-hour visit. Mr. Desai, who has been attending the Commonwealth conference in London, will dine with President Valery Giscard d'Estaing tonight and have talks with Premier Raymond Barre.

\* RABAT, June 15 (AFP). — Zaire's President Mobutu Sese Seko arrived here yesterday from Belgium for a four-day official visit to Morocco and an opportunity to thank King Hassan personally for his military aid to beat the rebel invasion of Zaire's Shaba Province. The highlight of his visit will come on Friday with a "Victory Parade" in which the Moroccan contingent sent to Shaba and a detachment of Zaire's crack paratroops especially flown in from Kinshasa will march side by side.

\* LAUSANNE, Switzerland, June 15 (R). — Prosecution witnesses gave evidence behind closed doors at the resumed trial here today of Switzerland's former Air Raid Protection chief accused of giving defence secrets to the Soviet Union, a court spokesman said. Brig. Jean-Louis Jeannenire, 67, is on trial before a seven-man military tribunal on charges of treason and "passive corruption." The stocky, plump, snow-haired brigadier told the court he did not realise what he was doing at first, and believed he was helping to explain Swiss neutrality to the Russians. He now deeply regrets his actions, the spokesman quoted him as saying. The charges of "passive corruption" allege that Brig. Jeannenire and his wife — who was born in Russia of Swiss and French parents — received jewellery, a television set and bottles of vodka from Soviet diplomats.

\* PETROS, Tennessee, June 15 (R). — Mr. Douglas Shelton, the last of six convicts who escaped last Friday from a maximum security prison here with Mr. James Earl Ray, was recaptured yesterday in woods about 40 kms. north of the prison. Mr. Shelton, who is serving a 64-year sentence for murder, is the prison's plumber. He is believed to have made the escape ladder used in the break-out.

\* TOKYO, June 15 (R). — The Foreign Ministry has refused to issue a passport to a Japanese woman who once worked at a Palestinian guerrilla medical institute in Lebanon, and now wants to go to Saudi Arabia. Miss Mariko Nakano returned to Japan in December 1975 after spending about five years at a Palestine Liberation Organisation hospital. Previously she had visited Cuba as a member of a Japanese group to help cut sugar cane.

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